



*The SPEECH of the Right Honourable A—R  
O—w, Esq; at the Bar of the House of Lords,  
April 29. 1740, upon presenting the Money-Bills to  
His Majesty.*

*May it please Your most sacred Majesty,*  
**T**H E Commons of Great Britain, in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to present to your Majesty the Money-Bills for the Sums that are necessary to carry on the great and important Business of this Nation. They amount, in all, to four Millions of Money; an immense Sum indeed! but granted by your Commons not only with Cheerfulness, but Unanimity, and a great Part of it with unusual Dispatch; this, Sir, arose from the Assurance they have that it will be expended for the great and necessary Purposes for which it is granted.

Thus, your Majesty has the Satisfaction to perceive that your faithful Subjects have done their Duty in enabling your Majesty to support those vast Armaments both by Sea and Land, which are, under your Majesty's wise Direction, to procure them Satisfaction for those Wrongs that have been wantonly inflicted upon this Nation by an insolent Enemy, who vainly imagined that a prudent Forbearance was the Effect of pusillanimous Councils, and that Willingness to avoid, if possible, a destructive War, proceeded from an Inability to punish their Injustice. But Thanks to Heaven, there is yet a Strength and Spirit in the Nation that may convince them how fatally they are mistaken, and the Sum which your faithful Commons have now the Honour to present to your Majesty, is a Proof of the great Power which this Nation is able to exert, when the Glory of your Majesty's Crown, and the Preservation of their own just and undoubted Rights calls it forth. At the same time, the Unanimity and Cheerfulness which appears among your faithful Commons to support your Majesty in this just and necessary War, may give other, and more formidable, Powers to understand, what they are to expect if they shall join with the present Enemies of your Majesty's Crown and People. It is perhaps owing to this Unanimity and Cheerfulness, that we are as yet engaged in a War with Spain alone, and that, during the Course of this War your Majesty's Subjects have been enabled, without any material Interruption, to prosecute their most valuable Branches of Trade, while their Enemies have met with the severest Checks, and have fatally experienced how feeble their Riches and Wealth are against the Efforts of a brave People, united under a Prince who knows no Interests separate from theirs, nor aspires at any Glory greater than that of preserving them in the full Enjoyment of their Rights and Privileges.

Let the Enemies of this Nation therefore boast of their far-brought Treasure; let them rely upon their wide extended Dominions, while all Europe are Witnesses how little the Advantages that arise from either, avail against that irresistible Strength which arises from Industry, Liberty and Commerce. These invaluable Mines of the British Treasure have been fully protected under your Majesty, and your faithful Commons reflect with Pleasure and Gratitude, that it is owing to this constant Attention in your Majesty to the great Concerns of your Subjects, that they are now enabled to grant to your Majesty the great Sums contained in these Bills.

The great Success of your Majesty's Arms under your Majesty's brave Admiral in America, is an illustrious Proof of your Majesty's wise and prudent Care in giving the proper Orders for distressing the Enemy in the most sensible Parts. The Bravery of your Majesty's Subjects on that Occasion, will, no doubt, convince the Enemy of the Superiority which a just Sense of the most ignominious Treatment of your Majesty's Crown, and the barbarous Inhumanities inflicted upon their Fellow-Subjects, will always produce in a People jealous of their Sovereign's Honour and their own Rights. The other Successes that in the Course of this War have attended your Majesty's Arms, are so many Instances of the vast Power of this Nation when she exerts her true and natural Strength, and give your faithful Commons the pleasing Prospect of your Majesty's ending this just and

necessary War with that Glory to your Majesty, with that Security to their own undoubted Rights of Navigation and Commerce, and with that Honour to the Nation in general, which the Goodness of your Majesty's Cause, the Wisdom of your Councils, and the Bravery of your Forces, deserve.

It will be owing to ourselves if we are disappointed in this Expectation, and we can only have ourselves to blame, if this War is not attended with numberless Advantages to your Majesty's Dominions. But if we are united at home, we have nothing to dread from abroad; and we have every thing to hope from your Majesty's known Attachment to the Rights and Liberties of your People. Our Situation, as an Island, defends us from all Attacks of foreign Power and your Majesty's faithful Commons hope that no Disunion among ourselves shall ever give the common Enemies of the Nation, whoever they are, those Advantages which they now despair of obtaining by Arms. It is Union alone, (and we may say with Pleasure, we are all united in the present great Work) that can take from our Enemies the least Shadow of Hope to succeed, either by open Force, or domestic Treachery. It is by each of us in our several Stations endeavouring to promote that Duty and Zeal for your Majesty's Person and Government, that Regard for the Laws and Constitution of this Kingdom, and that Abhorrence of those Principles which have ever tended to subvert our Liberties; it is by such a Behaviour alone that we can reap those Blessings, which your Majesty's wise and mild Administration, and the glorious Success of your Majesty's Arms in the Course of this War, gives us the most solid Foundation for expecting.

At the End of the last great War, in which the very Power that your Majesty's Arms are now chastising, was a Party against us, we might have secur'd those Advantages in the most effectual manner, had we been but true to ourselves, and had we not given up in a shameful manner all the Terms which this Nation had a Right to expect from a long, glorious, and expensive War. Providence has again brought the same Opportunity about; and your Majesty will, we hope, soon retrieve, by your wise and successful Conduct in the Prosecution of this great and important War, those Advantages in point of Commerce and Navigation, that were then sacrific'd to our domestick Animosities, which would not suffer us to discern our real Interests. But your Majesty's Regard for the Rights and Privileges of your Subjects on this great Occasion, has united all Parties in a just Sense of the Wrongs the Nation has suffer'd, they are all agreed upon the Terms your Majesty has a Right to require, and your Majesty's faithful Commons will think themselves happy, they will think all the Treasure employ'd at this important Juncture wisely and usefully apply'd, if it shall procure to the Nation those Advantages of Commerce and Navigation which we then gave up.

It is from the Regard your Majesty has always shewn for the just Rights of your Subjects, from that inviolable Attachment to the Interest of this Nation, which have been always the Rule of your Majesty's Administration, that your faithful Commons promise to themselves such a full Security in the Exercise of their Navigation, as may raise this Nation to a higher Pitch of Grandeur than she could have hop'd for even on the Conclusion of that great War. The Measures which have hitherto been pursued, give them the strongest Reason to believe that all their just Expectations will be fulfill'd, and that the Reputation, Commerce, and Influence of this Nation, under your Majesty, will be put upon such a Footing, as to put them beyond the Possibility of all future Violation, even from the most powerful and most formidable Enemy, which this Nation now has, or may hereafter have to encounter.

As your Majesty, by the Attention you have still paid to the just Desires of your People; as by your Majesty's con-

tinual Application to the Sense of your great Council upon every Step that has been taken in the Prosecution of this great Work, you have convinced your Subjects that you pursue no Interests separate from theirs, so there is nothing that may be necessary for them to fulfill in the future Management of the War, that your Majesty may not justly promise to yourself from their Affections and Gratitude. As they and all *Europe* are Witness with what reluctance your Majesty entered into this War, while there remained any Hopes of obtaining in the Way of Negotiation that which your Majesty endeavours now to obtain by Force of Arms; as they feel no other Inconveniences from it, but such as must unavoidably happen in the Course of a *Maritime War*, so they have reason to hope that it will be as gloriously ended as it has been hitherto successfully conducted, and that all *Europe* will be convinced from the Fate of *Spain* how dangerous it is to provoke the Resentment of your Majesty, or to attack the Rights of a Nation, who derive their Riches and Strength from Commerce. And indeed, who can say, that this War may not be Critical to *Great Britain*, by opening Channels of Trade hitherto denied to your Majesty's Subjects? Who can say, it is not reserved to be the peculiar Glory of your Majesty's Reign, that *Great Britain* shall from the Event of this War extend her Commerce, and enlarge her Possessions, so as to acquire a degree of Strength and Power unknown to her under the most glorious of your Majesty's Predecessors.

Their Glory often desolated their Kingdoms, and impoverished their Subjects, but it may be your Majesty's Happiness to reconcile your Glory to the noblest, the richest Gifts of Peace and Commerce, by the Encouragement given to your Majesty's Subjects to attack the Possessions of your Majesty's Enemies in *America*. A Bill to which your Majesty has already given your Royal Assent has this same Session passed both Houses for the Purpose; by that Bill such Encouragement is given to your Majesty's adventuring Subjects, or other your Majesty's Forces, if they shall attack and conquer any Part of the Enemies distant Possessions, as cannot fail of obtaining those Advantages in Trade and Navigation, which we were formerly so wanting to ourselves as to overlook; Advantages that may raise the Power and Reputation of this Nation to the highest Pitch upon the most solid Foundation, and unalterably fix the Balance of *Europe* in the Hands of your Majesty, and your August House. These are the Consequences which your Majesty's Subjects may reasonably promise to themselves from the Event of this War. They are Consequences that will distinguish your Majesty's Reign to all Posterity, by making this War as productive of Happiness and Riches to your Majesty's Subjects, as others have been of Desolation and Ruin.

The great Aids which your Majesty's faithful Commons now present to your Majesty, will enable your Majesty to retain the Dominion of the Seas, which will render it impossible for any Power in *Europe* to give your Majesty's Enemies such Assistance, as to wrest from your Majesty any of the Advantages which your Majesty's Subjects promise to themselves from this War, and which will be such a Source of Wealth to this Nation as may give Posterity Reason to reflect with Pleasure upon the generous Views of your Majesty, and the provident Wisdom of this Parliament.

And now may that God, to whom your Majesty has now appealed, bless your Majesty's Councils and Arms with the Success which the Justice of your Majesty's Cause deserves, and make this War as glorious and happy to your Majesty, and Subjects, as it has been wisely and necessarily entered into by your Majesty. And that your Majesty's faithful Commons may not be wanting to your Majesty, to the Nation, or to them selves in providing for what lies at their Door towards making this a glorious and a successful War, they beg your Majesty's gracious Acceptance of the following Bills, which will convince your Majesty and all the World, that under whatever Difficulties this Nation may labour from its Public Debts, yet your Majesty's Subjects will always find the Means of supporting your Majesty, while your Majesty so effectually employs your Power in protecting them.

The Speaker then presented to his Majesty the Money-Bills, together with a Bill,

"For granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Million out of the Sinking-Fund, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and forty, and for enabling His Majesty to raise the further Sum of two hundred thousand Pounds of the growing Produce of the said Fund, and for granting to His Majesty the Sum of twenty one thousand Pounds, One Shilling and Eightpence Half-penny remaining in the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, arisen by Sale of Lands in the Island of *St. Christophers*, and for the further appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament."

To which His Majesty gave the Royal Assent, and to 17 Public, and to some private Bills.

The Lord Chancellor then by His Majesty's Command prorogued the Parliament to the 3d Day of *June* 1740.